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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am in agreement with the proposed settlement reached between the federal government and Microsoft Corporation. This settlement is the appropriate step toward fostering continued economic growth and common business sense in the competitive marketplace.

As a representative of Northern Virginia area, I am well aware of the economic benefits that the technology boom has benefited to our area. Microsoft is a proven leader in the entrepreneurial spirit and the technology field. The company has enabled other computer companies to benefit in the computer and technology boom.

The settlement is a fair and reasonable compromise. Microsoft created a superior product than its competitors and is not responsible for the inner turmoil and troubles of other companies. The relentless investigation that the US Attorney's office has waged against Microsoft in the past years is unreasonable and needs to end with this compromise. The time has come to end the lawsuit and reach an amicable decision.

The proposed settlement is tough, yet reasonable, and a valuable tool in bringing stability back to our economy. It is my hope that the Court will approve the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the United States Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay O'Brien".

Jay O'Brien
Member, House of Delegates